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L-r: Alexis '98 & Julia '03 Cloutier, Chief Justice McLachlin, Valerie Kellett '00

Chief Justice of Canada Receives The 2005 *Yes She Can* Award

The Right Honourable Beverley McLachlin, P.C., Chief Justice of Canada, received the 2005 Balmoral Hall School *Yes She Can* Award in recognition of her professional achievement and dedication to public service at a gala dinner at the Fairmont Winnipeg on May 24, 2005.

After receiving her award, Chief Justice McLachlin provided her perspective on the evolution of women in the judiciary in Canada and noted that four of the nine current Supreme Court of Canada justices are female. She also shared with the attendees her pleasure in meeting Balmoral Hall School students who expressed such confidence, vigour and eloquence in their hope for the future of our country. The Chief Justice closed her remarks with a challenge to the assembled group of parents and business people to actively support the aspirations of girls and young women into fields like law.

Claire Sumerlus, Head of School remarked, "Role models like Chief Justice McLachlin inspire our girls and young women to set their sights on any goal of their choosing." She continued, "I am proud of the role BH plays in supporting the development of the next generation of exceptional women".

The *Yes She Can* award is presented annually to celebrate positive role models for young women and to recognize the achievements of women who have gained national and international prominence in their fields of endeavour.

Over \$30,000 was raised and will go towards growing our Endowment Fund at The Winnipeg Foundation. This fund supports our scholarship program for deserving young women who do not have the financial means to attend

Balmoral Hall School. Our sincere appreciation goes out to the alumnae, parents and Winnipeg business community for their support.



At Left: Kindergarten Alums Hartley Richardson and Graham Lount join their fellow alumnae for a photo.

Front Cover L-r: Brittany Cawson '05, School Captain; Rt. Hon. Beverley McLachlin, Chief Justice; Claire Sumerlus, Head of School; Vanessa Mancini '05, Head Girl



Head of School Message

Clave Sumerlus, Head of School

On June 22, 2005 the BH Family of parents, alumnae, students, staff and friends gathered to honour our graduates and wish them well as they take the next steps in what I know will be a lifelong quest for new knowledge and enriching experiences. We are so very proud of their individual and collective achievements in all areas of academic, community and personal development.

One word heard frequently throughout the year at BH is excellence. We expect it, we embrace it and as often as possible we celebrate it. Our unwavering commitment to helping our students develop the habits of self-assessment and self-improvement form the foundation for what we do in the classroom, in the community and globally.

At the *Yes She Can* Award Dinner in May, we were privileged to have Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin join us to share her thoughts and experiences on the evolution of women in the non-traditional field of the judiciary. I was struck by her challenge to us to ensure we actively support the aspirations of our girls and young women into fields like law. As I review the career opportunities being pursued by our graduates, I am confident that we are

meeting that challenge. I was also very proud of our senior girls when the Chief Justice mentioned how poised, eloquent and full of hope for the future she felt our students were when she met them during her tour of BH.

As a school, BH has never been more prepared to advance our commitment to excellence in girls education. Our educational program has been carefully and strategically structured based on our global research into the best practices in learning for girls and young women. From our commitment to small class sizes, which foster an intimate learning environment that focuses on the individual not the group, to maintaining the BH tradition of ensuring an atmosphere that is caring and nurturing, we will continue to prepare our students for their roles as leaders on the global stage.

For teachers and parents, graduation is generally seen as a time to say goodbye. I prefer to think of this as my first opportunity to welcome these wonderful young women as the newest members of the BH alumnae. Over the past year, I have spent time with alumnae around the world—from England to Vancouver—discovering how their BH experience has set them firmly on the path to success. I often

encourage our young graduates to take full advantage of the global network of strong, resourceful women who are the BH alumnae.

Looking to these women, our girls can find role models who exemplify the BH motto, *Meliora Petens, Seeking Better Things*. We do not have to look very far to see their contributions being recognized. Of special note was the July 15th, 2005 ceremony where Riverbend Alumna Kathleen Richardson, was honoured with the Order of Manitoba for her outstanding contribution to the community.

At this year's closing exercises, I challenged our graduates to adopt a personal mantra as a reminder of how they can continue to approach whatever the future holds with energy, confidence and enthusiasm. I reminded them to always:

**Believe—in themselves
and all they can do**

**Achieve—by never settling
and always striving for more**

Succeed—now, and always

Meliora Petens, Seeking Better Things



Grad is not a final destination, but merely a rest stop on a longer journey. A journey no longer plotted out for you by your parents or your teachers. Along your journey, never be afraid to stop, get out and call someone for directions.

Excerpts from the Keynote Address

Heather Welch, Closing Exercises
Keynote Speaker 2005

Today is a day I know you have all been looking forward to, for what may as well have been an eternity as you entered Kindergarten thirteen years ago. And now that you are finally here, perhaps the safest place to look first is back to your past. The most important lessons you have learned so far, cannot be recited or written down and turned in for a grade. The lessons I speak of involve many friendships, hard work, love and dedication. The school memories we hope you will cherish forever include the many friendships you have developed, a favourite teacher who touched you in some way, events and activities that encouraged you to try new things, trips that exposed you to life outside of the protective walls of BH, both the victory and agony of sports and of course, learning how to learn. I believe and hope that your education so far, has helped you build the foundation you need to choose a path, a direction for your future.

I know the monumental question many of you are now struggling with is how do you really decide what you want to be for the rest of your life? A few of you have some pretty good ideas already. You may still want to be the person you decided to be as a child. It was not uncommon for your parents, or your teachers to ask you at a very young age what you want to be when you grow up. It was probably a lot easier to answer that question then, than it is now.

Take comfort in knowing that this struggle to pursue a meaningful and satisfying life is universal. Your parents will tell you how difficult a decision this was for them too. But there are some strategies to help you with your decision.

The first thing you need to ask yourself is "Who am I?" In an effort to become familiar with and understand yourself better, ask yourself some of the following:

What are your values?—These are your core beliefs, ideologies, ethics, moral attitudes and ideals. They define who you are and what is meaningful to you.

What are your gifts?—These are your talents, experiences, abilities, aptitude, education and traits. They mold how you can uniquely contribute.

What are your dreams? Do you have a Wish List? If you don't, you should. Write down all the things you'd like to accomplish or try before you are 50 and for those parents and grandparents in the audience, if you haven't done it yet, I invite you to do it too. Feel free to change the "before 50" to some other date!

Listen to your heart and don't be afraid to take a chance on your future. You, single-handedly, can truly make a difference in this world. We should all attempt to make the world a better place behind us than it is in front of us.

You must recognize your capabilities and use them to achieve and attain self-respect and purpose in life. This quest for fulfillment does not apply simply to your career aspirations, it involves your whole life. Having a definite purpose in life and direction ensures a genuine self-confidence and self-respect. Fulfillment is only achieved through an ambitious work ethic, being thoughtful of others, being mentally curious and active at all times. A fulfilled person is one who has a sound sense of personal and community values and most importantly, lives by them daily in her largest and smallest tasks. She tends to measure wealth in terms of good mental and physical well-being. Success is being happy with what you have, whether it's a lot or a little.

One of the biggest mistakes you can make in your life is to just accept the known and resist the unknown. You should, in fact, do the exact opposite: challenge the known and embrace the unknown. You girls have achieved incredible success. As we all head off on our individual journeys, I look forward to our next reunion to share where life has taken us.



It was once said that, "Being grown up isn't half as fun as growing up; these are the best days of our lives". Today, we finally realize the exact truth of those words.



Excerpts from the Valedictorian Address

Vanessa Mancini '05, Head Girl.

Recently I was made aware of the phrase "Hopes and dreams and the possibility of it all". When I first heard this phrase I did not realize the depth of these words, but as I sat down to write this speech I realized that it is everything that the last twelve years have represented. When we all started school, we had the hopes of making new friends, the teacher liking us and getting a swing at recess. As we stand here today we're thinking of the same things on a different level—will I make new friends, will the prof like me, and will I get a parking spot? Clearly our hopes and dreams from the past have been reached and exceeded, and our BH Family has helped us to realize the possibility of it all. As we all know, it takes a village to raise a child and an integral part of this village has been our teachers.

Our teachers are the reason that each of us evolved into whom we are today. As we've grown in stature we've also grown to realize that teaching is probably the hardest job in the world. We are all so lucky to have met you, learned from you, and probably taught you a few things as well.

To our fellow students, we are honoured to have spent our years at Balmoral Hall with such an exuberant group of young women. None of us can grasp the reality that next year when we walk down the halls of our respective universities, we will not know everyone's name.

To our parents, these are the most incredible people that we will ever know. It was you who let go of your weeping kindergarten child's hand on their first day of school, and it is your daughters who thank you for letting go. It was you, who rushed forgotten uniforms, binders, lunch kits, pencil cases and even entire projects to school. We thank you for nervously handing over the keys to your car, and being considerate enough to wait in the car when picking us up from dances. It goes without saying that words do not exist to adequately express the gratitude that you all deserve, but remember that the love your daughters have for you is unconditional and forever.

To my fellow graduates, we all started out as fresh-faced little gems, who all wondered what kind of people we would become. As I stand here

before you today, I look upon thirty-one beautiful and remarkable women who I am proud to call my friends. Our final year at BH has been exciting, complete with those kiddie pools, dirty dirty cars and the "shark" on the office wall. I will miss all of our crazy antics, our friendships, and our teamwork. Together, we have fulfilled our hopes of making friends, and remember—making a friend takes a moment, being a friend takes a lifetime. Everybody in this graduating class truly has their something, and nothing will ever change that. Each of us are individuals—we are all leaders, not followers, and I know that we will all make our own paths to success. Today is not an ending; it is simply an open door to that new world that we are all anxious to become a part of. Today is the day when we realize our hopes, our dreams and the possibility of it all.





Balmoral Hall School has many graduate traditions, a number of them take place in the spring and are eagerly anticipated by each graduating class. These traditions include the Lifer & Doll Assembly, the Cement Handprint, receiving the Alumnae keychains and wearing white dresses at Westminster United Church.



(l-r) The 2005 Lifers: Jaime Rosin, Vanessa Mancini, Cheryl Woodward, Lyndsey Wallis, and Stephanie Atalotis.

Sharing



Alumnae Keychain Welcome



(l-r) Alumnae Prefect Whitney Ramage '05 and Ballater House Head Cheryl Woodward '05 after receiving their Dolls.





in Traditions



Class of 2005 Plans for the Future

**Stephanie Ataliotis**

Fashion Design at the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale

Navdeep Bhullar

Science at the University of Manitoba

Shawali Brar

Science in Biochemistry at the University of Winnipeg

Kaitlin Briggs

Science at the University of Manitoba with plans to study Pediatric Nursing

Brittany Cawson

Athletic Therapy at the University of Winnipeg

Yu-Chia (Rachel) Chen

University One at the University of Manitoba

Wing Yu (Koko) Cheung

Science and then Pharmacy at the University of Toronto

Yoo Jung (Joyce) Choi

Hospitality Management at the Swiss Hotel Management School

Adalena Franford

Science at the University of Manitoba

Jessyca Georgison

Business Management at the University of British Columbia

Simmie Globerman

Arts at the University of Winnipeg

Uta Hoogstraten

Fashion Communications at Ryerson

Hwa-won (Lin) Jeong

Fashion Merchandising Management at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York

Rachna Joshi

Science Majoring in Biochemistry at the University of Winnipeg

Soo-Yeon (Heather) Kim

Advertising at the Art Institute of California in San Diego

Liying (Ying) Li

Finance at the University of Toronto

See Ming (Samantha) Li

Nursing at Queen's University

Ji Xin (Maggie) Mak

Chemical & Physical Science at the University of Toronto

Vanessa Mancini

Arts at the University of Winnipeg

Christine Nolting

University One at the University of Manitoba

Julie Pagura

University One at the University of Manitoba

Whittney Ramage

Civil Engineering Co-op at the University of Carleton

Jaime Rosin

Arts at the International Study Centre in Sussex, England

Shayla Sabbagh

Travel

Brittaney Santos

University One at the University of Manitoba

Hayly Smerchanski

Sports Psychology or Law at the University of Winnipeg

Lauren Stone

Arts Honour Degree and study Criminal Law at Queen's University

Caroline Swystun

Fashion Communications towards a Bachelor of Design at Ryerson

Lyndsey Wallis

Science with plans to study Orthodontics at the University of Manitoba

Yuhui (Cece) Wang

International Business Management at the University of Alberta

Cheryl Woodward

The Rhetoric Program at the University of Winnipeg

May Yung

Art Fundamental – Animation Program at Sheridan College

A Great Choice for our Daughter

Manjit and Devinder Bhullar

When asked why we chose BH over other schools for Navdeep, we must say that it was primarily for its all-girls environment. We felt that within this atmosphere she would be better able to foster her skills and capabilities as well as excel with them, more so than what a co-educational school would allow her to do.

Her confidence in debating and public speaking has strengthened, and her drive

to take initiatives both within and outside the School has also grown. From our experiences with her older sister Simmy who graduated in 2001, we found that Balmoral Hall School is academically driven and challenges their students with Advanced Placement courses and various programs. Navdeep has enjoyed the Balmoral Hall family and has gathered some cherished memories to take with her.

Navdeep Bhullar '05 will be attending the University of Manitoba next year entering the Faculty of Science. She recently won the Millennium Excellence Award as well as being the 2005 YMCA-YWCA Woman of Distinction; Gerrie Hammond Award Recipient.

The Gerrie Hammond Memorial Award of Promise recognizes a young women graduating from Senior 4 who has made a significant contribution to her school and community. Navdeep joins fellow Balmoral Hall School alumnae recipients; Shaila Seshia who was the first recipient of the Gerrie Hammond Memorial Award of Promise in 1994 and Arlene Kent who was the recipient in 1998.

"I always knew that volunteering and giving back to your community was an important part of life. However, it was only after I started volunteering that I was truly able to appreciate its worth and meaning. I started by volunteering at the Health Sciences Centre, where many volunteers give their time to help the well-being of the hospital and its patients. Everyone finds their place and a way to give in their own way. I volunteer in the book corner library where I take books and movies to the children on the wards, often reading to and keeping the children company, who receive few or no visitors at all. It's when you have read every single *Franklin the Turtle* book on the cart to a young child that you realize how important your visit is to them; they don't want you to leave.

I also volunteer with Wolseley Family Place, a non-profit organization that provides support to families in the inner city.

A site visit when I was involved with the Youth in Philanthropy lead me there and shortly after I began volunteering. I started out by re-designing their monthly newsletter but eventually recognized the fact that the participants of the centre were enthusiastic about a proposed magazine idea. With that thought in mind, I spearheaded the Wolseley Connection, their new magazine that provides a voice to the participants and includes articles such as health issues and social problems.

Balancing school, competitive speed swimming, being the Community Service Prefect and the Chair of the Youth in Philanthropy committee has made for an extremely busy year, but in the end, it was definitely worth it!"

Navdeep Bhullar '05



Achieving Excellence

Middle and Senior School Head's Honour Roll (Overall average of 90% and above)

Grade 6

Hailey Koehn
Allison Kowalchuk
Colleen Furlan
Marikka Lee
Kelsey Lacombe
Carmen Provinciano
Layla Freig
Katie Eva
Hannah Darrach-Cottick
Breanne Fredette
Danica Avery
Melissa Russell
Chloe Kjernisted
Palmer Nowak
Rebecca Alexander

Grade 7

Rebecca Sherbo
Kelsey Watchman
Madison Stewart
Stephanie Webster
Eileen Newman
Erica Prefontaine Dean
Hannah Johnson
Allison Love
Emily Campbell
Paola Bustani Barra
Toria Rankin-Friesen
Rebecca Kremer

Grade 8

Erica Siddall
Angela Reimer
Valerie Beynon
Talia Glodjo
Talia Joundi
Léa Anderson-Gregoire
Gabriela Díaz Infante Andrés
Vanessa Comeau
Chelsea Chimilar
Nathalia Gonzalez de la Vega Muñoz

Senior 1

Nora Christianson Fien
Krupa Kotecha
Karlen Prendiville
Alexandra Campbell
Jenna Brown
Teresa Kennedy
Robyn Zajac
Rachel Cosman
Shanleigh Thomson
Olivia Zaporzan
Jessica Michalski
Kali Kazina

Cathy Guyot
Grace Boyd
Anna Simons

Senior 2

Kathryn Marcynuk
Go Eun Choi
Emilie Anderson-Gregoire
Robin Jacuzzi
Kate Langrell
Madelaine Stefanik
Kathleen Moore
Ana Cristina Sepulveda Castañeda
Cristina Quinzanos Torres
Jina Song
Julie Klein
Diana Ayuso Rubio
Sarah Rybczuk

Senior 3

Christine Siddall
Alina Sellig
Yue Feng
Jun Dong
Mylène Gamache
Danielle Guenette
Ai Shibata
Harkiran Dhillon
Sameera Abdulrehman
Michelle Maryk

Senior 4

Navdeep Bhullar
Wing Yu Cheung
Lying Li

Middle & Senior School Honour Roll (Overall average of 80% and above)

Grade 6

Elizabeth White
Rachel Goldman
Amanda Stegmaier
Isabelle Anderson-Gregoire
Camille Dixon
Lauren Peake
Megan Clarke
Cody Keith
Shaylyn Maharaj-Poliah
Celeste Main
Madison Maidment
Simone Kennedy
Cella Rousseau
Adriana Sly
Natasha Cobb
Jennifer Horch
Adrianna Militano

Grade 7

Erika Ulrich
Anna Savard
Paige Danowski
Victoria Taylor
Jacklyn Prendiville
Soo Yeon Kim
Jaunty Morden
Hannah Stinson
Julie Yan
Regina Garcia Olvera
Christine Harms
Megan Martins Da Ponte
Celina Brown
Christine Guyot
Sydney Bicknell
Alexandra Martin
Charlie Gray
Benilde Hernandez Diaz Infante
Krystal Nguyen Hua
Malak Abas
Shelby Szarko

Grade 8

Ashley Fredette
Sarah Scott
Michelle McFadden
Julie Clark
Marisol Perez Martinez
Jessica Goldberg
Ximena Pando Rodriguez
Christie Branton
Ariana Meyers
Ericka Rankin-Friesen
Layal Abas
Lauren Smerchanski

Senior 1

Sola Han
Caitlin Brock
Holly Penman
Stephanie Lawson
Roxanne Ilagan
Shawna Olson
Nadine Lowes
Saira Abdulrehman
Alanna Singer
Cecilia Berlanga Alessio Robles
Victoria Schaeffer
Natasha Zloty
Megan Alexander
Michaela Vickar
Ka Yan Leung
Torrie Robertson
Shereen Samimi
Erica Scharfstein
Callie Blank
Jamie Holt
Dianra Kennedy
Hannah Korsunsky
Mila Panaskevich
Kaitlyn King
Erin Danylchuk

Macy Morden
Ashlyn Kettner

Senior 2

Leah Werier
Ailyn Lancaster
Claudia Müller-Moran
Victoria Jacqueline Ho
Jill Penman
Kelcey Vossen
Kathleen Skinner
Jae Yeon Ahn
Brittany Siemens
Cassandra MacLeod
Sze Ki Wong
Stefania Campanelli
Ga Ram Park

Senior 3

Sarry Klein
Jamie DesJarlais
Jennifer Ethans
Hey Yue Tam
Lisa Gregory
Alexis Kozak
Catherine Simons
Brittany Dolynchuk
Sol Ji Han
Heather Sandhu
Liandi Tang
Arden Alfonso
Ayaka Kosaka
Xing Li
Tatiana Murray
Poonam Mahay
Melanie Riggs
Min Hee Yoo
Kathleen Murray
Jayanti Sharma

Senior 4

Jaime Rosin
Ji Xin Mak
Cheryl Woodward
Caroline Swystun
Whitney Ramage
Vanessa Mancini
Hayly Smerchanski
Jessyca Georgison
Simmie Globerman
Adalena Franford
Hwa-won Jeong
Lauren Stone
Brittany Cawson
Shawali Brar
Lyndsey Wallis





Academic Awards

Middle School

Head of School Award

(Awarded to the student who receives the highest average in each grade)

Grade 6 Haley Koehn

Grade 7 Rebecca Sherbo

Grade 8 Erica Siddall

Grade 6 Awards

English Haley Koehn

French Hannah Darrach-Cottick

Mathematics Allison Kowalchuk

Performing Arts Carmen Provinciano

Physical Education

/Healthy Lifestyles Melissa Russell

Science Marikka Lee

Social Studies Colleen Furlan

Visual Arts Haley Koehn

Grade 7 Awards

English Rebecca Sherbo

French Erica Prefontaine Dean

French (Advanced)

Stephanie Webster

Mathematics Rebecca Sherbo

Performing Arts Eileen Newman

Physical Education

/Healthy Lifestyles Kelsey Watchman

Science Allison Love

Science Kelsey Watchman

Social Studies Stephanie Webster

Visual Arts Sydney Bicknell

Grade 8 Awards

English Erica Siddall

French Jessica Goldberg

French (Advanced) Erica Siddall

Mathematics

Gabriela Diaz Infante Andrés

Mathematics (Accelerated)

Erica Siddall

Performing Arts Chelsea Chimilar

Physical Education

/Healthy Lifestyles Erica Siddall

Science Angela Reimer

Social Studies Angela Reimer

Visual Arts Angela Reimer

Named Awards

(Grade 6 – 8)

Mathematics Jas. A. Dowler Award

Talia Glodjo

Jessie May Carter Riverbend Award

Erica Prefontaine Dean

Julia M. Adamson Memorial

Foundation Award Colleen Furlan

Balmoral Hall Parent Association (BHPA) Middle School Scholarships

Middle School Athletics Scholarship
Charissa MacLeod

Middle School Debating Scholarship
Layla Freig

Middle School Fine Arts Scholarship
Sydney Bicknell

Middle School Performing Arts Scholarship Kelsey Watchman

Senior School

Head of School

(Awarded to the student who receives the highest average in each grade)

Senior 1 Nora Christianson Fien

Senior 2 Kathryn Marcynuk

Senior 3 Christine Siddall

Senior 4 Navdeep Bhullar

Senior 1 Awards

Debating Krupa Kotecha

Drama Teresa Kennedy

Drama Nora Christianson Fien

English Krupa Kotecha

English Nora Christianson Fien

English Language Learning (ESL)

Sola Han

Financial Awareness/Intro to Careers

Nora Christianson Fien

French Alanna Singer

French (Advanced)

Nora Christianson Fien

Mathematics Sola Han

Mathematics – Pre-Calculus

(Accelerated) Nora Christianson Fien

Physical Education Robyn Zajac

Science Jenna Brown

Science (Accelerated) – Senior 1

Nora Christianson Fien

Science (Accelerated) – Senior 2

Nora Christianson Fien

Social Studies

Nora Christianson Fien

Studio Art Nadine Lowes

Technical TV Teresa Kennedy

Senior 2 Awards

Career Preparation

Kathryn Marcynuk

Debating Kathryn Marcynuk

Drama Go Eun Choi

English Go Eun Choi

English (AP) Kathryn Marcynuk

English Language Learning (ESL)

Go Eun Choi

French Kathryn Marcynuk

Geography Go Eun Choi

Global Scientific Methods

Ana Cristina Sepulveda Castaneda

Global Scientific Methods (AP)

Kathryn Marcynuk

Mathematics – Pre-Calculus

Jina Song

Mathematics – Pre-Calculus

(Accelerated) Go Eun Choi

Physical Education Kathryn Marcynuk

Spanish Kathryn Marcynuk

Studio Art Go Eun Choi

Tech TV (Advanced) S2 – S4

Kathryn Marcynuk

Senior 3 Awards

Biology Alina Sellig

Biology (AP) Danielle Guenette

Canadian History Christine Siddall

Chemistry Christine Siddall

Chemistry Methods (AP)

Danielle Guenette

Consumer Mathematics

Michelle Maryk

English Language Learning – ESL

Sol Ji Han

English – Literary Focus Alina Sellig

English – Language & Comprehension

(AP) Sameera Abdulrehman

French Danielle Guenette

Leadership Jamie DesJarlais

Mathematics – Pre-Calculus

Ai Shibata

Mathematics – Pre-Calculus

(Accelerated) Eva Feng

Physical Education Christine Siddall

Physics Hey Yue (Christel) Tam

Physics (AP) Eva Feng

Spanish Christine Siddall

Studio Art Alina Sellig

Tech TV Kathryn Marcynuk

World Issues Lisa Gregory

Senior 4 Awards

Biology Wing Yu (Koko) Cheung

Calculus (AP) Liying (Ying) Li

Calculus – Introduction

Jessica Georgison

Chemistry Wing Yu (Koko) Cheung

Chemistry (AP) Navdeep Bhullar

Consumer Mathematics

Cheryl Woodward

Debating Jaime Rosin

English – Comprehensive Focus

Navdeep Bhullar

English – Language & Literary Forms

Wing Yu (Koko) Cheung

English – Literature & Composition

(AP) Navdeep Bhullar

Human Geography Eva Feng

Law Eva Feng

Mathematics – Pre-Calculus

Liying (Ying) Li

Physics Ji Xin (Maggie) Mak

Physics (AP) Liying (Ying) Li

Spanish Vanessa Mancini

Studio Art May Yung

Named Awards

A.J. Casson Award

Go Eun Choi

Barbara Honey Scholarship

Catherine Simons

Bruce M. Hicks Public Service Award

Navdeep Bhullar

Clare McCulloch Award

Hwa-won (Lin) Jeong

Clare McCulloch Memorial Award

Navdeep Bhullar

Elizabeth Patton Memorial Shield

Kaitlin Briggs

Eliza Drewry Award

Kathryn Marcynuk

G. Harold Aikins Scholarship

Kathryn Marcynuk

G. Murrell-Wright Residence Award

Anna Simons

Jacqueline Anderson Award

Brittany Cawson

Jacqueline Anderson Award

Kaitlin Briggs

Jas. A. Dowler Award

Kathryn Marcynuk

Jessie May Carter Riverbend Award

Kaitlin Briggs

Julia M. Adamson Canadian History

Award Christine Siddall

Julia M. Adamson Memorial

Foundation Award

Shanleigh Thomson

Julia M. Adamson Memorial

Foundation Award Christine Siddall

M. Cole Davis Department Award

Navdeep Bhullar

Nora Lansky Memorial Award

Wing Yu (Koko) Cheung

N. Thomas Russell Award

Brittany Cawson

Ossama AbouZeid Scholarship

Go Eun Choi

Pacific Award Vanessa Mancini

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Senior School Athletics Scholarship

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Senior School Debating Scholarship

Michelle Maryk

Senior School Fine Arts Scholarship

Nadine Lowes

Senior School Performing Arts

Scholarship Mylène Gamache

Robert M. Shaw Memorial Award

Vanessa Mancini

Rosemary Gordon Condo Library

Award Melanie Riggs

Rosemary Gordon Condo Memorial

Award Simmie Globerman

Sir James Aikins Memorial House

Trophy Glen Gairn

Steven B. Fejes Volunteer of the Year

Award Alexis Kozak

UK Alumnae Prize for History

Nora Christianson Fien

United Way Award Alexis Kozak

Virgil & Beulah Jacuzzi Applied

Science Scholarship Jennifer Ethans

The Governor General's Medal

Navdeep Bhullar

Awards presented from organizations outside of BH

Member of Parliament Canadian

Student Award Christie Branton

Member of Parliament Canadian

Student Award

Harkiran (Kiran) Dhillon

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

Adalena Franford

Julie Klein

Laura Murdoch

University of Manitoba Chown

Centennial Award Navdeep Bhullar

United Way Award Alexis Kozak

How do you thank someone ...who has taken her from crayons to “The World’s”?



Judith Blair and Daryl Rosin

In September 1993, it was time to send our daughter Jaime Rosin, off to Kindergarten. We had so many choices — public, private, French immersion, English track, religious, secular, single gender or mixed? We picked Balmoral Hall on the recommendation of friends and as a matter of convenience. But our daughter stayed at Balmoral Hall from Kindergarten through Grade 12 because it offered her a nurturing environment; where each teacher was superb, expected and brought out the best in our daughter; where students and teachers respect and are respected.

Although I was concerned that a single-sex environment might leave her shy and uncomfortable in social settings, she instead developed strength, self-confidence and poise that allowed her to qualify for and compete in the World International Debating and Public Speaking Championships in Cyprus this past March.

Balmoral Hall has literally opened the door to the world for our daughter. How do we thank you? From the bottom of our hearts.

Jaime received a certificate reflecting her outstanding citizenship, in Grade 1.



Jaime Rosin '05 will be attending the International Study Centre at Herstmonceux Castle in England next year through Queen's University and plans to study journalism or law.

I was a little bit apprehensive when heading to Cyprus for the World Individual Debating and Public Speaking

Championships simply because I did not know what to expect. So you can imagine my surprise that when it came time to announce the finalists in every category (the top 16 from the rounds) I found myself making both the Interpretive Reading and the Debating finals!

My stomach dropped even further when I found out that I had made the Grand Finals in Interpretive Reading in which the top 2 from each category face off in front of a crowd of 300 people that night. It is safe to say that this was one of the most terrifying experiences of my life, but it was also one of the best. And when I won it was definitely one of the most amazing and surreal experiences of my life.

The World's was not special to me because I won, it was special because of all of the wonderful people that I met from all over the world and the once in a lifetime experiences that it

provided me with. My only regret is that I did not get involved in Public Speaking earlier.

My 13 years at BH provided me with the foundation for my success in Cyprus. I have become a person who is confident in my abilities; I was able to speak in front of hundreds of people, something that many find terrifying. The support I felt from my school community and my family while I was competing was very comforting. I owe my success at the World Championships to the people back home in Winnipeg, to my family, and the BH Family.

Jaime Rosin '05

Grandparents filled the halls of Balmoral Hall School on May 12, 2005. They participated in many events and activities throughout the School and spent a lovely afternoon with their grandchildren. Fun and excitement took place in the classrooms, Sifton Family Theatre, Richardson Hall Athletic Centre, and the Carolyn Sifton Foundation Atrium.

We look forward to seeing grandparents again next year!



Kay (Alexander) Shawcross '65 and Samantha Moreau.



Carolyn (Dowler) Graham RIV '49 and Joseph.



Ann (Stephenson) Speirs RIV '53 and Audrey Bicknell.



Pam (Garton) MacIver RLS '51 & Alex Martin.



Samantha Frost with her Grandfather Joe Kasper.



Kate Everett '79 and daughter Zoe Findlay.



Tannis Richardson RLS '44 with Celine.



Adelle Korsunsky and Hannah Korsunsky



Donna Teed, family friend of Tessa Ferch with Isobel Heal and Grandson Robbie Hughes.



Murray Batte, Ariana Meyers and Anne Batte.

GRANDPARENTS DAY

BH says Goodbye

as Four Long Term Staff Members Retire.



Sharon Brown has been at BH since 1990. As she says farewell to the end of an era in her life, she would like to extend to BH her sincerest best wishes. "BH has played an enormous role in my life. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to have been part of such a fine institution — 'my second home'. I have learned so much and will take with me many

fond memories. I will miss the people, the friendships, the laughter and the tears."

After 15 years at Balmoral Hall School, working under three Heads of School (Brian Porter, Diane Bieber and Claire Sumerlus), she now plans to spend more time with her four grandchildren, assisting her husband in his real estate business, and traveling. She says "Behind those front doors is a special 'family' and I will treasure all the fond memories forever."

"Behind those front doors is a special 'family'..."



Kirsten Gerrard has taught at BH since 1985. She says her most fond memories include the many Junior School musical productions. "They were such good productions, the result of a real team effort with more than a few 'behind the scenes' laughs and mishaps."

She says that she will miss the camaraderie amongst staff at BH and between students and staff as well. It's that "kindred spirits" feeling. Her immediate future plans are to get her TOESL (Teaching of English as a Second Language) certification. Other plans include traveling, especially overseas, volunteering overseas and whittling away at the list of 50 things she wants to do now that she is retired.



Susan Sammons has taught at BH since 1994. She says that there have been so many unique memories at BH. "It was my privilege to accompany students on two trips to Europe." She also says a most cherished gift came from one class who presented her with her own tile on the Millennium Wall in New Zealand. "I will

return to New Zealand some day to find my tile!"

She says that she will miss everything about BH, "I work with the most wonderful people. I admire and respect their professionalism, generosity, loyalty and dedication to the School and to the students. I love my laptop. I don't know how I'm going to say good-bye to that machine! Most of all, I will miss the students." Now that she is retired, she plans to read regularly and go to lots of movies. "I may begin shopping once again and taking my two puppies for a walk every morning. I plan to renew my friendship with my husband too. In the next year, we will be visiting Egypt, Israel and Jordan. Hopefully, in succeeding years, we can take more trips around the world."



Tricia Geske was thrilled to begin her teaching career at Balmoral Hall in 1990. She says her fondest memory is sitting in her rocking chair surrounded by her Junior Kindergarten students. "We had many wonderful discussions together after story time or during a class lesson. One of my most vivid memories is when our newly hatched chicks

joined us at circle time. Nothing could beat the look of wonder and delight on the children's faces."

Tricia says that she will miss the camaraderie, support, and spirit throughout BH and in particular the teamwork of Junior School where she worked for 14 years. "I will also miss working with the early years team, the JK parents, and my wonderful teaching assistant Marilyn Bowles. And last, but definitely not least, I will miss my Junior Kindergarten students. Their bright minds, keen imaginations, and infectious laughter will linger in my memory for years!" Tricia is looking forward to spending more time with her son Kyle and his wife, and the rest of her family and friends. She will also continue to travel with her husband Allan, especially to Europe where her daughter Colleen is now living.



An Inside Look

Bottom Feeders are Just the Beginning: Striving towards Medical School

A Profile of Kelsey Mills '01

Kelsey researching phytoplankton on a scanning electron microscope.



Since I graduated from BH in 2001, I have been attending Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick. I LOVED it! At this small university in a rural Maritime town (with one stop-light!), I discovered the true meaning of "Maritime Hospitality". I was

exposed to amazing research and academic opportunities and I made many lifelong friends.

In terms of academics, this April, I graduated with First Class Honours and Distinction in biology with a minor in psychology, and was thrilled to win the Gold Medal in my faculty (biology and biochemistry). For over a year, I have been funded by a grant from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) to study Biological Oceanography for my Honours research.

As part of my fieldwork, I spent two weeks as a junior scientist aboard the H.M.S. Teleost, stationed in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, where we conducted around the clock research on bottom-feeding fish, like the cod populations, in this region. I also took many fabulous courses. One of the highlights of which was a research course I completed in the Dutch Antilles. I participated in a 10-day SCUBA-diving research project on tropical sponge and coral species in the area. On this trip, my research team dove to depths of more than 110 feet to collect our data! I was also very fortunate to be able to work as a teaching assistant with the biology/biochemistry and chemistry departments. During three years of TA-ing, I taught nine lab courses. These were incredibly rewarding and often highly entertaining experiences!

From the first day I set foot on campus, I discovered that there were many extra-curricular activities in which to become involved. Some of the highlights were tutoring fellow students with learning disorders, being a floor monitor in my residence in second year, and tutoring Japanese exchange students in conversational English. I also volunteered at a local nursing home and community garden. I played first cello in the Mount Allison University Chamber Orchestra for four years. My favourite volunteer position was as a student athletic therapist with the Men's Varsity Basketball Team for the last two years. We travelled as a team throughout Maritime Canada and the United States. As a student therapist I participated in and managed many emergency medical situations for both my team and opposing teams. I witnessed everything from broken noses to broken skulls. It was this collection of experiences that cemented my lifelong dream of becoming a physician.

While my undergraduate studies have come to an end, I will remain on the east coast for part of this summer while I continue to research until I leave for a two-week trip to Scotland and Ireland. Of course, Balmoral Castle, Braemar, Glen Gairn, Craig Gowan and most importantly, BALLATER are on my agenda! This September I will be entering medical school at the University of Toronto. After years of preparation through high school and undergraduate studies, I am very excited to finally begin studying medicine.

I am reminded daily of friends, teachers, staff, courses and events that were a part of my 13-year BH experience. I know that so many of my achievements today are directly related to the education, encouragement and empowerment that I received from Balmoral Hall School.

Alumnae Future Generations Fund

We wanted to let all alumnae know that a group of us who attended BH in the 1980s have established a new endowment fund that we are calling the Alumnae Future Generations Fund. While alumnae have always supported scholarships, this new fund has an alum component that we believe makes it very special.

Last year, only 17 children of alumnae attended BH. We would like to see this number increase and hope that the Alumnae Future Generations Fund will provide scholarship support for a child, grandchild or great-grandchild of an alumna who, for financial reasons, might not be able to attend BH.

With a large goal in mind, we figured we should start this now rather than later! As with the other endowment funds at Balmoral Hall, it will be managed by The Winnipeg Foundation and once the fund reaches \$25,000, the School will use the annual interest (5%)

towards the scholarship. To fund a full tuition, we require an investment of \$250,000. To fund the tuition of more than one student, we require even more!

In the fall, you will receive your Annual Fund materials from the School. Every year, we plan to direct our annual gifts to the Alumnae Future Generations Fund and we encourage all alumnae to do the same. Being true BHers, we anticipate a friendly competition between decades to increase the participation levels and we'll encourage as many alums as possible to contribute something back to BH. **Every donation really counts!**

Whether you are in proximity of Winnipeg or not, whether your offspring are girls or boys, we hope you will give something back to support the future generations of alumnae! Together, we can make a difference in the lives of those who follow.



Aynsley (Hinchliffe) Cockshott '83 with sons Owen and Ben

A light went on in my head when I heard about a Canadian school that has a fund geared solely for the children of alums. At that school, no child of an alum is turned away for financial reasons. I immediately knew that I wanted to be part of something like that at BH. **Even though I have boys, I still believe strongly in this idea.** Who knows, maybe Owen and Ben will have daughters who could take advantage of a fund like this. Regardless of whether my family will benefit, the idea of alums helping alums really resonates with me.



Tannis Leach '83 with daughter Paige '12

My daughter is entering Grade 6 at BH. She loves school, as most kids her age do. I enjoy that she has the opportunity to be at Balmoral Hall. Every single day I am reminded of my time there, through her. Reminders abound from first thing in the morning with the drawer filled with green socks, to driving into the parking lot, to her excited stories after school every day. **As she begins to grow into a self-confident young woman, I am reminded about the benefits of a Balmoral Hall education.** As I drop my daughter off each morning, I know that she is very lucky to have the opportunity to go to such a good school. Some day, of course, she'll know that too!

To make your donation now to the Alumnae Future Generations Fund, please mail your cheque payable to

Annual Fund Hits

Donations to the Annual Fund support the immediate needs of the School and provide exceptional opportunities for students to learn, achieve and grow. Last year, thanks to the generosity and commitment of our parents, alumnae, staff, grandparents and friends, the Annual Fund surpassed its goal of \$150,000.

A special thank you to our parent volunteers who contacted families in their daughter's grade to increase participation in the campaign. Our goal once again this year is to raise the level of participation as close to 100% as possible. Every donation sends a strong message to our community that you believe in Balmoral Hall School and its educational programs.

In September, you will be able to read about the many accomplishments of our students and staff in the 2004-05 Balmoral Hall Annual Review (BHAR). The BHAR will also show the impact our donors have had on the every day life of the School.

The 2005-06 Annual Fund campaign is now underway! With a goal of \$187,500 (a 25% increase over last year), we invite you to review the materials that will be mailed to you this fall and participate by making a donation to the Annual Fund.

Your tax-deductible donation can be made by cheque or can be made online using a credit card at www.balmoralhall.com. Parents may also charge their school accounts. Please feel free to contact the Advancement Office at (204) 784-1603 should you have any questions.

New Heights



Family to Co-Chair the Parent Campaign in 2005-06

Seen here with daughter Lia (Kindergarten), John and Joy Loewen will be co-chairing the parent campaign for the 2005-06 Annual Fund. Having been on the parent volunteer team last year, they say they are pleased to provide leadership to the campaign and encourage everyone to participate in the Annual Fund!



Daunica (Martin) Brock '83 with daughter Caitlin '08

For the past 16 years I have lived out of province, and it was with great anticipation and excitement that my family and I returned to Winnipeg. One of the leading reasons for the excitement was because my eldest daughter Caitlin would be able to attend Balmoral Hall, the school she had heard so many stories about over the years! **When I first heard of this idea for an alumnae endowment fund, I knew immediately that it would be something I would support.** My memories of my time and friends at BH are both positive and plentiful. To assist in a BH education opportunity for the child or family member of an alum is something that I will fully support!



Deborah Morrison '81 with daughter Catherine

We often talk about the "BH Family"...this new fund captured my attention because it's a very positive and tangible way to reinforce that connectedness. I like the idea that my donation might one day help out a classmate with their child's education.

I am personally prepared to challenge my fellow alums with my commitment of \$200/year for the next 5 years towards this fund. If 249 other alumnae join me, we can provide a full scholarship in 5 years!

Are you leaving a legacy to the tax department?

Without proper estate planning, many people do not leave what they had intended to their heirs or favourite charity upon death. If you plan your estate you can make sure your assets are distributed according to your wishes and not government policy. Although it is highly unlikely most Canadians want to see Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) as one of the beneficiaries of their estate, it does happen and CRA takes about half of the savings in taxes when the estate is settled.

How to make sure your estate ends up if the hands of those you intended:

Example: Mrs. A has taken care of her family in her will. She would also like to provide a gift of \$100,000 to her favourite charity. By naming the charity as a beneficiary of her RRSP (fully taxable upon death to the CRA) the tax credit for her donation would be the same amount as the tax payable. No net tax on the RRSP would be payable, allowing the full \$100,000 to go toward her favourite charity!

The Advancement Office staff would be happy to discuss with you in confidence the most suitable means of creating a Planned Gift and realizing the related tax benefits.

Meliora Petens Legacy Society



Recognizing donors who have included Balmoral Hall School in their estate planning and have notified the Advancement Office of their intent.

Mrs. Betty (Foster) Wilcox RLS '34, proud to be a part of the Meliora Petens Legacy Society.

We are honoured to welcome Mrs. Betty (Foster) Wilcox RLS '34 to the Meliora Petens Legacy Society. Betty's decision to remember BH in her will occurred many years ago.

Upon her family's return to Winnipeg, Betty entered Grade 11 at Rupert's Land Ladies College. Although only there for one year, Betty has many cherished memories of her school days and the wonderful friendships that grew. In March 2005, Betty celebrated her 90th birthday surrounded by family and friends. Still very active and blessed with good health, Betty thrives in her friendships and credits Rupert's Land with fostering many of them.

Today, Betty stays in touch regularly with Balmoral Hall. Although the School name is different, the culture of an all-girls education in a challenging and nurturing environment still exists. She sees the preparation and encouragement today's graduates receive and recalls with sadness how when she graduated, even though her passion was to become an Architect (a path not commonly taken by women then) it was a dream she was not encouraged to pursue.

Her hope for the future is that when she is no longer with us, her bequest will continue supporting young women to fulfill their dreams, equipped with the skills and knowledge needed to seek better things.

A Unique Way to Commemorate Graduation



(l-r) Graduating students Adalena Franford '05, Kaitlin Briggs '05, Simmie Globerman '05 and Brittany Cawson '05 in their theatre seats.

In celebration of the graduation of their daughters, our Senior School parents were invited to purchase theatre seats in their daughters' names.

Engraved with the words of their choice, the name plaques leave a permanent mark in the Sifton Family Theatre, a unique and lasting gift.

If you are interested in purchasing a theatre seat, please contact Geneviève Delaquis in the Advancement Office at (204) 784-1603 or annualfund@balmorallhall.com

Cherished Treasure Endures



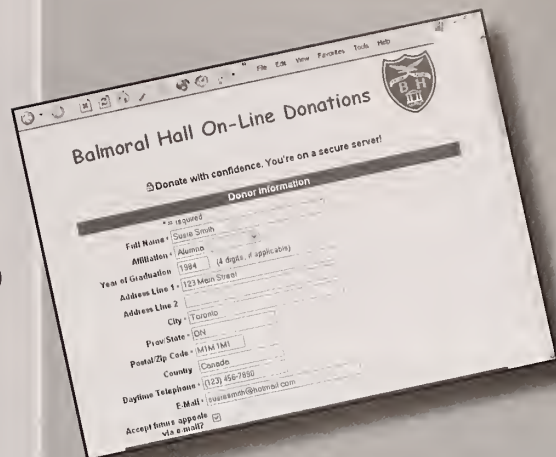
Heather (Brodie) Melidones '65 presents BH with her childhood doll house.

This past January, BH held an alumnae reception in Vancouver to reconnect with many of the women who have graced the halls of BH, Riverbend and Rupert's Land. Many brought cherished memories of their school days and terrific stories of the antics of life in residence. After recounting the past, alums gathered were keen to hear from our Head of School what was happening at BH and what plans lay in store for the future.

It was then that Heather (Brodie) Melidones '65 shared her plans to make a special gift to the young girls of BH. She agreed that it would be fitting to tie her gift of a Doll House into our annual Farewell Doll Ceremony. For over 25 years we have celebrated our graduates' time at BH with a very special doll, handmade by a Grade 11 student and resembling the graduate.

On May 31, 2005, Heather flew to Winnipeg to make a special tribute. In her words, "It is with great pleasure that I give my childhood treasure, the Bank of Montreal Doll House to Balmoral Hall School, where I know it will be cherished, cared for and the lights will burn brightly for years to come. This Doll House was built for me in 1953 by Mr. Charles Bell, the last Bank Manager to reside in the House before my family acquired the home. Today, the House still stands at 1335 Victoria Avenue in Brandon and has been deemed a heritage home. I know that girls of all ages will enjoy the Doll House as my friends and I did.

BH girls from Kindergarten to Grade 12 spent time looking at the Doll House and marveling on the finest of details — the little ones curious to know when they would have a chance to play with the House and the older girls secretly wishing a chance themselves. The donation of this special treasure marks the beginning of Heather's plans to impact BH students with a legacy gift.



Online Giving Becomes a Popular Option



Irene Li '03 made her Annual Fund gift online and says, "I chose to make an online donation because it was easy and fast. I also thought it was the least I could do for BH — the school that I lived and studied at for my first 3 years in Canada!"

Online giving has become a popular option for donors. No need to find your cheque book or a stamp — simply visit **www.balmoralhall.com** and enter your credit card number. The donation form uses an industry-standard Verisign certificate to ensure the security of your information.

Thank you to all 2004-05 donors who made their donations online!

BH in the cities

Head of School and Director of Advancement Visit With Alumnae



(l-r) Shannon Kelly '97, Michelle Saquet '96, Jennifer Rausch '97 and Eva Newman '66.



(l-r) Tamara (Moore) Sabad '86, Kristine (Banerjee) Raychaudhuri '86, Bonnie (Cunningham) Cross '87, and Andrea (Ravalin) Fauth '82.



(l-r) Suzanne Riley '61, Hilary (Carter) Alto '74, Marla (Klassen) Napper '74, Ainslie (Macfarlane) Dauphinais '74 and Claire Sumerlus, Head of School.



(l-r) Margaret (Dowler) Law RIV '39, Tina Alto, Director of Advancement and Eleanor (Banfield) Macfarlane RIV '45.

Glencoe Club Calgary, April 2005

Crestlines

1940s

The Class of '49



(l-r) **Corrine (Anderson) Sawchuk RLS '49, Alison (Govan) Currie RLS '49 and Sue (Clifford) Allen RLS '49.** "Here is a picture of the three of us from the Class of 1949. We met for lunch at the Sylvia Court Hotel in Vancouver."

Corrine also hosted Helen Powell RLS '49 and Elaine (Tempest) Williams RLS '49 in 2005.

1960s

Dilys (White) Machej '62

"Hello Old Classmates! If any of you read this I'd like to hear from you. Feeling nostalgic in my old age and wondered what everyone is doing. Just got an email from the School regarding an update so it got me surfing the BH website. I have been retired for three years now and am finally beginning to enjoy it! My husband retired in May 2005, so that has been yet another adjustment. I have four children, and seven grandchildren."

The Class of 1964



(l-r) **Jane Moody, Susan Riley, Margot Brown, Maryel Andison, Joan (Sellers) Audette, and Lily (Swaffield) Cohen** in Florida in the spring of 2005.

Excerpts from Susan Riley's write up entitled Rainbow Rise: "Our wish for Balmoral students today is a group of close friends to lean on and

share with as you approach sixty in a world where friendships among women that last forty years are rare and to be treasured. We agree that everyone takes something different from those years growing up together but we all appreciate friendships made in that setting that can survive years and distance and bring us together to celebrate our lives."

If you have recently had a baby, let us know! We'll send you a BH baby bib and you can get your baby in the next issue!

1970s

Joan (Barstow) Tanner '70

"Since I left BH, I completed my Teachers' College at the U of M, married Brock and promptly moved to Edmonton. We lived there for 13 years and ended up in Calgary. Brock is a CA with Imperial Oil and we ended up staying in Calgary for another 8 years after which we moved to Houston. Loved living there — great weather, lots to do, and great shopping!! I worked at a law office and the International Field Hockey Association while we lived in Brussels. It was totally different working there than here. Traveling throughout Europe was terrific. I'd love to go back. We met lots of new people on our world travels, some of whom have ended back here in Calgary. It's great to come back to friends. At present I am not working, but looking for part-time work. It's hard to believe that almost 35 years have passed since BH, but I suppose we've all had (hopefully) a great journey."

1980s

Terri (Clarke) Dowhy '85

"I have been living in the Bahrain, Arabian Gulf, with my wonderful family for the past 5 years. We love living here in this small friendly country. My two children (Rachael, 11 and Bobby, 9) are growing up in a wonderful multicultural environment and have so many travel opportunities to experience, many countries and cultures. We travel back to Manitoba every year to enjoy those great Canadian summers! If anyone ever finds their way over to our side of the world you are more than welcome to look us up."

Margo (Adams) Larsen '88

Margo, Brad and son Camden are proud to announce their newest arrival! Caleb Robert Larsen born on March 9, 2005 at 3:19 pm, weighing 9 pounds, 6 ounces and measuring 21 inches. Congratulations!

1990s

Rebecca Staunton '90



Fiara Stephanie Morin, was born May 18, 2004 to Rebecca Staunton and Joe Morin in Toronto. Fiara just turned one this May and Rebecca loves being a mum. She sees a lot of her former classmates, in fact Ardyth DeFehr '91 is Fiara's godmother.

Claire McCorquodale '92

Claire and Captain Andrew McCorquodale are the proud parents of John Andrew McCorquodale born by C-section at 36 weeks gestation, on January 13, 2005 at the Health Science Centre weighing 6 pounds 14 ounces and 19 inches long. Congratulations!

Megan Sweatman '95



Megan moved to Vancouver to do her undergrad in Human Kinetics in 1995.

After completing her degree she went overseas to travel for several months before returning to Vancouver to get her Education Degree. During this time, Megan also worked for a sport organization where she met her future husband Jeff. After completing her degree, Megan and Jeff moved to California to work for a couple of years. They have now recently moved to Calgary, where Megan works for Strathcona-Tweedsmuir School teaching Grade 1 and Jeff is keeping busy with his Chiropractic business. Megan and Jeff were married last June in her parent's front yard in Winnipeg!

Courtney Moir '98



"After 3 great years, I have decided to leave my Alumnae Relations position at BH to pursue my Photography and Art Cards Business full time. Thank you to everyone who supported and encouraged me with my decision to follow my passion for photography. I would love to talk to those of you who might be in need of a photographer for an upcoming event or occasion as well as anyone wanting customized Art Cards to send during the holiday season. I also have a large selection of photographic Art Cards in stock that will help you to convey your special sentiments. Please visit my website at www.courtneymoir.com, which displays more information on the services that Courtney Moir Art Cards & Photography provides."

Sarah Young '98



"Hi everyone! I am very excited to tell you all that Jared and I are engaged. He proposed on our Vegas Spring Break vacation at the Aladdin while we had lunch watching the rain storm. After the shock wore off from seeing the ring and realizing that he was serious, I accepted. We had a great time in Vegas with our friends. Jared was the talk of the town with his vintage suits." We would also like to congratulate Sarah who graduated from the University of North Dakota, School of Law in May 2005.

2000s



The Class of 2002

June 8, 2005 was the 3rd annual get together for the Class of 2002 with Ms Fulton-Baillie. Eleven grads met at The Freehouse on Osborne Street in Winnipeg. Most of the girls who were unable to make it sent in emails about what they had been doing so that it could be shared with the rest of the group. Way to go Class of 2002; keep it up!

Kristine Wilson '04

I received the care package that the Alumnae Office sent and wanted to let you know that it was awesome!! It's nice to know that the School hasn't forgotten about us. Thanks a bunch!

Jessica Lee '04



Jessica was in Toronto last year and has completed her first year at Sheridan College/ York University studying Design. Seen here with Pamela McGhie, Director of Admissions, Jessica stopped by the School on her way home to Hong Kong and says that after a year of being away from home and BH, she realized that campus food is not that bad after all!

Meghan Fejes '04

"It's hard to believe that a year ago I was getting ready for exams, finding the right white dress and making one of the biggest decisions of my young life. I survived my first year out here at the University

of Western Ontario, where I studied Media, Information and Technoculture and was given so many opportunities to learn new things and take part in so much. I lived in a rez referred to as 'The Zoo' and quickly learned that 1,300 teenagers in one building is the reason for its nickname. I survived, and now I'm working 3 jobs for the summer and deciding what I'm going to do in the fall at school. BH had a third of the people that lived in my rez, and it boggles my mind that classes have 400 people in them. My classes looked like a full school assembly (minus the sea of green blazers). Despite all that, BH prepared me for life outside its immaculate walls and prepared me to take on a totally different lifestyle with confidence in myself and my abilities. It took me a little while to go from being with 47 girls that I knew and

loved to being with 1,300 people that I hardly knew at all, and from classes of 20 to classes of 200, but in the end, everything that BH taught me came in handy, and I was the only person that had already had roommates! I miss BH so much and I'll make it back as soon as I can to see everyone and catch up! Congrats to this year's grads, and just be excited for what's to come. And look up your BH family—we're everywhere!"

Young Alums reunite at the Doll Assembly



(l-r) **Dany Theberge '04**, **Jennifer Dyck-Sprout '04**, **Marisa Campanelli '04**, and **Sarah Murdoch '04** returned to BH to celebrate the Doll Assembly of 2005. Other alumnae in attendance included: **Saskia Hoogstraten '03**, **Danielle Weidman '03**, **Allison Pigden '04** and **Amy Ludwig '04**. It was great seeing you all again!

Staff

Kera Borodkin,



Grade 3 Teacher

Congratulations to Kera Borodkin and Sean Shapiro, who wed on May 22, 2005 at the Fort Garry Hotel. Kera's entire Grade 3 class was invited to attend the wedding ceremony and celebrate with them.



Sheila (Smith) Quinton RLS '45



It is with great sadness we announce Sheila's passing on May 23, 2005. She attended Rupert's Land School where she enjoyed all sports at a competitive level. After graduation, she concentrated on her favourite sport, figure skating. Her daughter-in-law Shelagh (Martin) Quinton '75 and Granddaughters Mollie Quinton '14 and Emily Quinton '11 all attended Balmoral Hall.

Diane Mary (Johnson) Dowling RIV '51

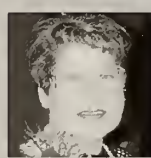
Diane passed away peacefully at the Health Sciences Centre on Friday, April 29, 2005. She attended Balmoral Hall School and United College. Her bachelor's and master's degrees were earned at the University of Manitoba and her Ph.D. at the University of Toronto.

Donna Joy (Christensen) Alden, Former Staff



Donna passed away at her home peacefully in her sleep on February 13, 2005. In her later years, she worked at Balmoral Hall School as Bursar.

Beverley Anne (McLeod) Mazur '54



Peacefully in her sleep, on March 4, 2005, Beverley passed away at the Grace General Hospital in Winnipeg. She graduated from Balmoral Hall in 1954 and from Victoria General Hospital, as a Registered Nurse in 1958.

Ena Enid Eldred, Former Staff

On May 15, 2005 at The Middlechurch Home in Winnipeg, Ena Enid Eldred passed away at the age of 102. She taught at Rupert's Land School. Many of her pupils and their parents kept in touch with her over the years.

Helen Harmsen, Former Staff



Those who knew and loved Helen are saddened to announce the passing of a very unique and caring individual on February 22, 2005. Helen was born in 1924 in Stoltzenau, Germany. She immigrated to Montreal in 1951 and moved to Winnipeg in 1952 where she worked as House Mother at Balmoral Hall School for many years. She cherished all the girls and kept in touch with many of them over the years.

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Self Portrait by Hwa-won Jeong (Senior 4)



Paul Klee Meets Cave Art Paintings by Grade 8 students



Pencil Self Portrait by Caroline Swystun (Senior 4)



American Gothic Parody by Go Eun Choi (Senior 2)



Self Portraits by Senior 3 students



Pen and Ink Projects by Senior 1 students



Fantasy Animal Bench by Senior 3 students



Grade 8 Optical Illusion Projects



Fantasy Animal Masks by Grade 6 students



Whimsical Watercolor Fish by Grade 7 students



Animal Glueline Projects by Grade 7 students



Frida Kahlo Image Manipulation Projects by Senior 1 students



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